

Speed City minutes March 25, 2023

Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes from February meeting. Crystal Rhodes moved to approve and Jon Burroughs seconded.
Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: Brigitte Kephart reported that started the period with \$3,639.28, income of \$1670.76, spent \$138 and sent \$2,000 to Midwest Writers. Ended the month with \$3,172.04. It was moved and seconded to approve the report pending audit and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Diana Catt also reported that she had checks - \$52.11 from Between the Pages in Lebanon and \$26.98 from the Author's Patch in Danville – that will be added to chapter income. Russ Eberhardt reported he received \$10 from Porter Books and Bread.

Membership Committee: No report

Website: Elizabeth San Miguel reported website is working.

Speakers: Barbara Shoup, write, teacher and former director of the Indiana Writer's Center, was the speaker. No other report.

Old Business

Amber Waves of Graves

- Deadlines have been revised by the anthology committee and are on the chapter website and in the last newsletter (details included at the end of the minutes.)
- Editors: Lillie Evans, Tony Perona and Steve Terrell
- Manuscripts to be sent to Elizabeth San Miguel: esm.kirlia@gmail.com
- Judges: Brigitte Kephart, Michael Dabney and Janet Williams

Critique Group

Members of the critique group, led by Russ Eberhardt, will meet at 9 a.m. Zoom only on the day of the chapter's regular monthly meetings. This is changed from the 10 a.m. start time.

Midwest Writers Workshop

The Midwest Writer's Workshop is celebrating its 50th anniversary and Speed City will be a sponsor to the tune of \$2,000. Members who attend will sponsor a flash fiction writing contest and Janet Williams has volunteered to work on a writing prompt. The event takes place the weekend of July 17.

Deadbeat

There were discussions around marketing a play written by Lillie Evans and Crystal Rhodes with Deadbeat, which was written by Speed City chapter members. There is no update on that status.

New Business

- Speed City Sisters in Crime celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2024 and members have decided to write another play for the Indy Fringe Festival. The process of kicking around ideas is planned for Sunday, April 2 at 5 p.m. In addition to Janet and Diana, Ramona Henderson, Crystal Rhodes, Elizabeth San

Miguel and Carol have indicated they are interested.

Speed City retreat in 2024

- Planning committee for retreat in 2024 is being reconstituted. Committee members are Elizabeth San Miguel, Crystal Rhodes, Carol Paddock and Janet Williams. Next step is to schedule a planning meeting.

Upcoming events

- April 29: MacArthur Books in Carmel. Janis Thornton and Russ Eberhardt will be there as part of National Independent Bookstores Day. Time is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the table can accommodate up to five people if others from the chapter are interested.
- May 6: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Porter Books and Bread. Russ is organization and anyone interested contact Russ.
- May 20: 10-11:30 a.m. at the Hancock Public Library in Greenfield. Jon Burroughs has arranged for a panel discussion on how we write, what inspires us, our writing process, and how we create characters. Jon, Diana, Tony and Russ are going with Michael a possibility.
- Monrovia Library Author Fair Save the date! **October 7, 2023** will be the third annual MCPL Author Fair! This event takes place from 2-5 PM at the Monrovia Branch of the Morgan County Public Library, located at 145 S Chestnut Street, Monrovia, IN 46157. The MCPL Author Fair is FREE to participate in, but space is limited. Interested authors can apply for a spot between now and August 12, 2023. Selected Authors will be notified by August 25.
- Chapter members are participating in the Hamilton County Author Fair on **Saturday April 15, 2023**. It will be over by our next meeting.
- Discussion about possibly sponsoring future panels and events at senior communities. Stephen Terrell had suggested that in an email and Diana Catt raised it at the meeting. Russ Eberhardt suggested our chapter needs to do more to attract younger members. No action was taken on either issue.

Announcements

- The play *Grandmothers, Incorporated* written by Speed City Sisters in Crime members, Lillie Evans and Crystal Rhodes, was one of the winners of the 2023 Mature Lady Project Playwriting competition sponsored by the City of Evanston, Illinois. The Mature Lady Project is an initiative to encourage the development of plays and musicals that feature significant roles for women over 50. Playwrights worldwide submitted 646 plays. The competition was intense as the works were reviewed by a national panel of directors and producers.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Extras:

Chapter address

- Speed City Sisters in Crime
- P.O. Box 133
- Indianapolis, IN 46206-0133

Future 2023 meeting locations, which will also be on Zoom:

- **Saturday 22 April 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Beech Grove Public Library (1102 Main St, Beech Grove, IN)

- **Saturday 27 May 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm To Be Determined (libraries closed that day)
- **Saturday 24 June 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Glendale Public Library (6101 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN)
- **Saturday 29 July 2023 [FIFTH SATURDAY]** 10:00am-2:00pm Glendale Public Library (6101 N Keystone Ave, Indianapolis, IN)
- **Saturday 26 August 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Irvington Public Library (5625 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN)
- **Saturday 23 September 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Beech Grove Public Library (1102 Main St, Beech Grove, IN)
- **Saturday 28 October 2023** 10:00am-2:00pm Beech Grove Public Library (1102 Main St, Beech Grove, IN)
- **Saturday 18 November 2023 [THIRD SATURDAY]** 10:00am-2:00pm Lawrence Public Library (7898 Hague Rd, Indianapolis, IN)

Anthology update: Amber Waves of Graves

- Editors: Lillie Evans, Tony Perona and Stephen Terrell
- Theme: Rural settings, country graveyards and small-town life in Indiana can be beautiful. And deadly.
- Number of stories in book will depend on the length of those accepted.
- To be released November 2023, self-published by the Chapter

Submission/Publication Timeline (Updated)

- **April 7, 2023: Submission deadline**
- May 5, 2023: Initial Judging complete, Judges select stories.
- June 9, 2023: Editors send story acceptances, notes for revisions and contract info to authors.
- June 29, 2023: All revisions due back to editors, Signed contracts to anthology committee. Book Cover Designs due.
- July 31, 2023: Editors final review. Book Cover selected & sent to national for approval.
- September 20, 2023: Formatting, proofing, approvals from national, printing
- November 15, 2023: Publication Date

Submission Requirements

- To submit a story you must be a Speed City Sisters in Crime member in 2023.
- One story submission per author
- Indiana settings preferred.
- All stories must have a mystery basis, but there does not have to be a murder in the story.
- All stories must reflect the rural theme in some way.
- Any sub-genre of mystery – cozy, noir, thriller, suspense etc.
- Word count of individual stories: 2,000 to 6,000 words
- Must be an original story, not previously published.
- All stories must have made at least 1 pass through a critique group.
- Submissions should be a cleanly edited version of your short story (see Formatting Your Manuscript below); forwarded to Elizabeth San Miguel (sc.sinc.esm@gmail.com)
- Intended to be a paid anthology, details to be included with contract, likely to be \$25 after a minimum sales threshold.

Formatting Your Manuscript

All manuscripts should be between 2,000 and 6,000 words, double-spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman, with one-inch page margins, and Microsoft Word format. Fiction and nonfiction should be double-spaced. The author's name, address, telephone number, and email address should be typed at the top of the first page (This will be removed for blind submission stage and forwarded to judges). Contributors are asked to include a brief biographical note with their submission, as a separate attachment, which will be used in the final publication.

Cover Submission Timeline: Go to [Cover Submission Guidelines](#) on our website for submission specifics.

- April 1, 2023: Submission deadline
- April 30, 2023: Voting by chapter.